

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 AMMAN 00683 211516Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06
EB-08 OMB-01 TRSE-00 MCE-00 AID-05 IGA-02 /073 W
-----102160 211836Z /41

R 211451Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4759
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
INFO SECDEF WASHDC
CHUSMTM DHAHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 0683

SECDEF FOR ISA/DSAA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, JO, SA, US
SUBJECT: JORDANIAN FMS PAYMENTS

REF: JIDDA 0431 AND PREVIOUS

1. APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTANDING PARA 2 REFTEL MORE SERIOUS
THAN WE SUSPECTED. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BIN SHAKER COMPLETELY
UNAWARE OF ANY JORDANIAN AGREEMENT TO PAY DOLS 9.16 MILLION
AND HAS NO WAY TO OBTAIN MONEY TO PAY THIS.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE A LITTLE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHY SAUDIS
SHOULD SAY JORDAN WILL MAKE PAYMENT WHEN THIS IS SO
CLEARLY NOT THE CASE. IN VIEW OF THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT,
WHICH SAUDIS HAVE GIVEN US GUARANTEEING TO MAKE PAYMENT,
WE WOULD HAVE AT LEAST PRESUMED THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN
SUCH A NEW AND CONTRARY JORDANIAN COMMITMENT (IF SUCH ACTUALLY
EXISTS) IN WRITING. SINCE WRITTEN AGREEMENT IS WITH US WE DO
NOT FEEL THE ISSUE IS ONE OF PLAYING A MIDDLEMAN ROLE (WHICH
WE AGREE IS CERTAINLY A "NO-WIN", IF UNAVOIDABLE, PROPOSITION
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 AMMAN 00683 211516Z

IN ALL RESPECTS) BUT RATHER OF GETTING THE SAUDIS TO
DO FOR US WHAT THEY HAVE AGREED IN WRITING TO DO.
JORDANIANS ARE DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO PRESS SAUDIS
ON THIS POINT. AS YOU KNOW, SAUDIS STILL REFUSING
TO RECEIVE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER FOR THIS AND OTHER
PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH SAUDI SUPPORT FOR JORDAN. IN
VIEW OF FACT THAT EMBASSY JIDDA MAY NOT BE AWARE OF

WRITTEN AGREEMENT ON THESE POINTS, WOULD BE DELIGHTED
TO SEND KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICER TO JIDDA WITH COPIES
OF AGREEMENT. WE WONDER ALSO, SINCE WE HAVE NOT
SEEN ANY REPORTS, WHETHER EMBASSY JIDDA HAS HAD
OPPORTUNITY YET TO DISCUSS STATE 4774 WHICH AROSE
AS RESULT OF KING'S REQUEST TO PRESIDENT IN TEHRAN
AND ON WHICH KING IS STILL LOOKING TO ME FOR FURTHER
REPORT OF SAUDI REACTIONS.
PICKERING

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DEBT REPAYMENTS, MILITARY SALES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978AMMAN00683
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780033-0208
Format: TEL
From: AMMAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780137/aaaabfge.tel
Line Count: 71
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3f0f25e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 JIDDA 431
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3735545
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JORDANIAN FMS PAYMENTS
TAGS: MASS, JO, SA, US
To: STATE JIDDA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3f0f25e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014